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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED (P402 457 128)

Mr. Melvin A. Coonrod Permitting and Compliance Co-Op Mining Company P. O. Box 1245 Huntington, Utah 84528

Dear Mr. Coonrod:

RE: Abatement Plan for Notice of Violation N85-4-8-2, #1 of 2, Development of Pad Area Adjacent to Hiawatha Seam, Bear Canyon Mine, ACT/015/025, #2 and #7, Emery County, Utah

The Division has reviewed your March 28, 1985 Notice of Violation (NOV) abatement plan concerning the development of the pad area adjacent to old workings in the Hiawatha Seam. The Division has further been advised by Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) personnel that Co-Op has already driven a rock slope entry from the Bear Canyon workings down to the Hiawatha Seam. Please be advised that Co-Op may not proceed with any further development or activity in the Hiawatha Seam beyond those measures noted below. Failure to abide by this Division directive will result in a Cessation Order issued by the Division.

Co-Op Mining is hereby directed to undertake the following measures by May 17, 1985:

- Seal the portal entrance to the Hiawatha Seam utilizing the portal sealing plans in Co-Op's proposed Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) pages 3-87 and 88.
- Regrade the pad area to approximate original contour and reseed the area with the interim seed mixture in Appendix 3C, page 5 of the Co-Op MRP.

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Since permitting of the Hiawatha Seam would be a major modification pursuant to UMC 786.12, a new MRP will be required. Should Co-Op desire to obtain a permit for mining the Hiawatha Seam, please submit a MRP for Division review.

Best regards,

Dianne R. Nielson Director

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